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TAGS: EINV, KE, OPIC

SUBJECT: AFRO ARAB MEAT EXPORTS, NAIROBI

REF: STATE 206853

1. KENYAN COMPANY/BUSINESS NAMES REGISTER HAS NO LISTING FOR AFRO ARAB MEAT EXPORTS OR ITS ACRONYM AAMEN. EMB INQUIRIES REVEALED THAT FIRM BY THAT NAME DOES, HOWEVER, EXIST, ALTHOUGH WE WERE UNABLE TO DETERMINE ITS CAPITALIZATION OR EXTENT OF OPERATIONS. HON. PETER KENYATTA, MP IS ALLEGEDLY IT'S FINANCE OFFICER. KENYATTA IS SON OF KENYAN PRESIDENT JOMO KENYATTA AND IS ENGAGED IN WIDE VARIETY OF BUSINESS ACTIVITIES. IN ADDITION, FAMILY HAS LARGE LANDHOLDINGS IN CENTRAL PROVINCE, SOME OF WHICH DEVOTED TO RANCHING.

2. P. KENYATTA HEADED EXPORT DEVELOPMENT TEAM TO MIDDLE EAST IN EARLY 1976 AND CAME BACK WITH OPTIMISTIC REPORT OF POTENTIAL MARKETS FOR KENYAN PRODUCTS.

3. EMB HAS NO INFO ON AMCIT RUSSELL O'QUINN. NAIROBI SOURCES REPORT THAT KENYAN CITIZEN, RICHARD DOUGLAS, IS INVOLVED WITH P. KENYATTA IN MEAT PROCESSING ENTERPRISE. DOUGLAS WAS PREVIOUSLY GENERAL MANAGER OF KENYA MEAT COMMISSION UNTIL HIS CONTROVERSIAL REMOVAL IN 1975.

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P. KENYATTA AND DOUGLAS ARE SUPPOSEDLY PLANNING TO CONSTRUCT

A MEAT PACKING PLANT IN PERIPHERY OF NAIROBI.

4. DUE POLITICAL SENSITIVITY OF SUBJECT, EMB WOULD
PREFER TO BRIEF PARNELL MORE THOROUGHLY AFTER HIS ARRIVAL
IN SEPT AND RECOMMENDS HE PLAN TO CONDUCT ADDITIONAL
INQUIRIES BEFORE OPIC TAKES FURTHER ACTION ON ANY APPLICATIONS
FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE ON THIS PROJECT.
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